

REMARKS

Claims 88 and 90 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 72-82, 88 and 90-91 are currently pending in this patent application. Applicants now address each and every point raised by the Examiner in the above-noted Office action as follows:

I. Rejection of Claims Under Section 103

Claims 88 and 90 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being allegedly unpatentable over Wang in view of Matsushima and Prood. Claims 88 and 90 have been amended to recite "wherein at least one of the plates has an inner side, a peripheral boundary, and an interior area wherein the interior area and the peripheral boundary are positioned in two different planes." Such a limitation was found to be allowable in related U.S. Patent No. 6,837,150. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 88 and 90 should be allowable.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 72-82, 88 and 90-91 be passed to allowance.

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III. Request for Telephone Conference

If, after considering this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any of the pending claims are not properly allowable, Applicants request that the Examiner please contact its authorized representative identified below by phone prior to taking any further action for the purpose of hopefully resolving any such issue.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 10-0440 if any additional fees are necessary for this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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